# Idaho National Laboratory Bus/Fleet/Fuel Transformation

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# "Provide Mandatory Busing at No Cost to the Employee" INL Transportation Standard

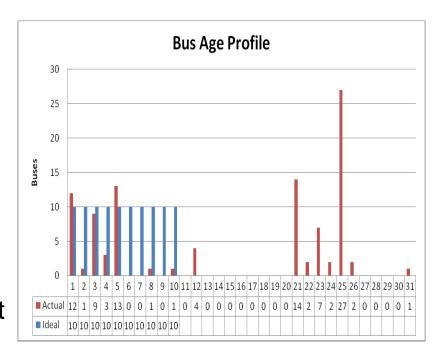
To work toward this standard, the INL bus fleet needs to undergo modernization. New buses can be leased from GSA under very favorable terms that will:

- Lower fixed costs below those of comparable private fleets
- Reduce fuel consumption and emissions
- Optimize the replacement cycle
- Reduce maintenance costs
- Increase customer satisfaction
- Decrease downtime



### State of the INL bus fleet in 2011

- The INL bus fleet consisted of 103 buses, including 42 commercially leased buses.
- Fleet of 61 owned buses with average age > 20 years.
  - 44 passenger / 4-5 MPG
  - Obsolescence is impacting availability and costs of parts
  - Fleet management is currently cannibalizing buses to keep fleet on the road. Average costs for maintenance is over \$22k/yr per INL owned bus.
  - Average book value of owned buses is \$5k





# Current fleet parts inventory

- Large in house repair part inventory due to commercial obsolescence
- Expensive replacement parts due to age of fleet
- Lengthy wait due to minimum stock in supply house











### State of the INL bus fleet in 2012

- The INL bus fleet currently consists of 93 buses, including 52 GSA leased buses.
- Fleet of 50 owned buses with average age > 20 years.
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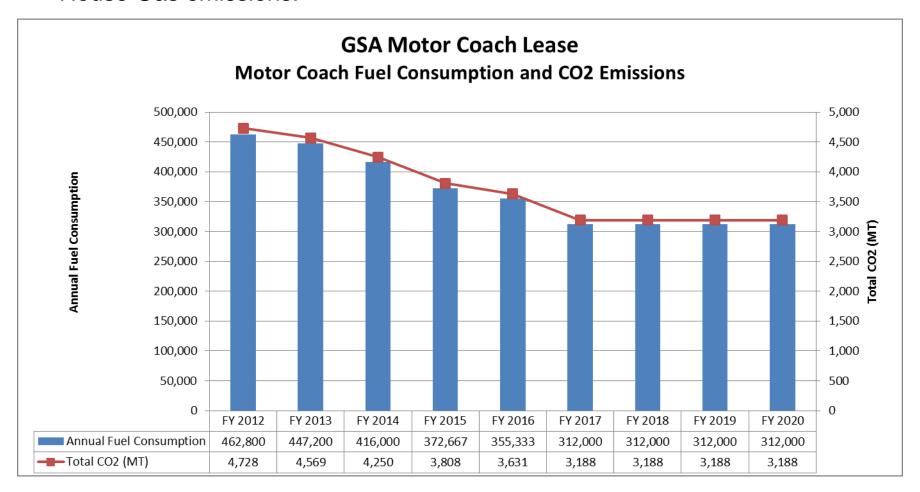
# GSA Bus Leasing

- GSA lease cost is \$3,500k/month per bus (commercial leases average \$5k/month per bus)
- Buses will be identical (decreased costs for parts, maintenance, and operator/mechanic training)
- New model averages > 20% higher fuel economy than INL owned buses
- New model will allow replacement of all 44 passenger buses
- Increased seating capacity of new buses will allow fleet to be reduced from 103 to 93 under current loading (further reduction in petroleum use and GHG emissions)
- Commercially leased buses were replaced in first year to avoid need for increased funding. This allowed INL to obtain over 50 new buses for same cost as the current 37 commercially leased buses.



# Sustainability - Petroleum Reduction and GHG

 Modernizing bus fleet will continue to reduce INL's petroleum use and Green House Gas emissions.

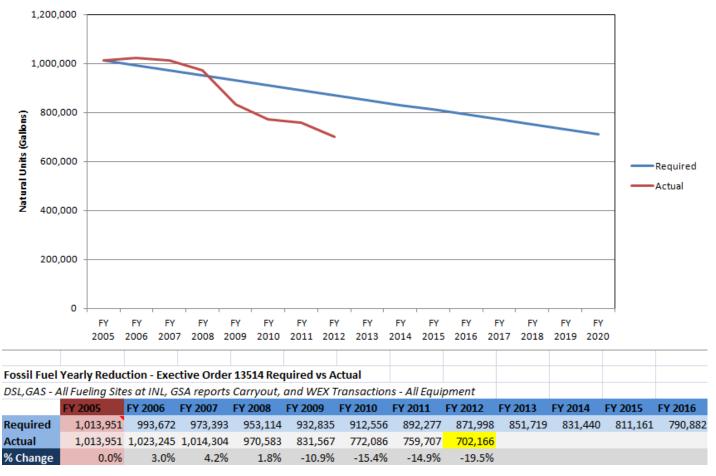




### State of Fossil Fuel Usage

#### Fossil Fuel EO 13514 Required Reduction vs Actual Reduction

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# Our Strategy for Reducing Petroleum Consumption

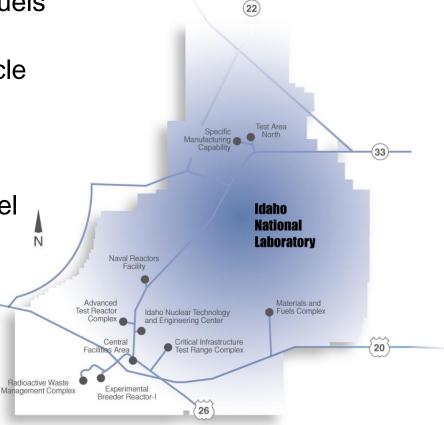
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Increase Lab's Use of Alternative Fuels (B20 and E85)

Modify and Right-size the INL Vehicle Fleet (GSA Bus Lease)

Improve the Efficiency of Bus Operations (Park and Ride)

Aggressively Track and Reduce Fuel Use (Idling and Driver Behavior)





### 2012 Fossil Fuel Reduction

- Fuel reduction for 2012 has been dramatically lower than target values to meet the Executive Order.
- Cumulative total of reduction for the year has been 110,000 gallons, and is estimated to be approximately 170,000 gallons compared to targeted reduction at the end of the fiscal year.
- Utilization has decreased in the bus fleet, and is extrapolated to decrease by 93,000 miles. (This change is mostly due to consolidation of routes, removal of routes, and park and ride).
- In addition, reduction of idling time, driver education and behaviors, and tele-work initiatives (such as online meetings instead of on-site, remote work, etc.) has helped to reduce total fleet utilization.
- Reduced number of buses from 104 in FY2011 to 98 current.

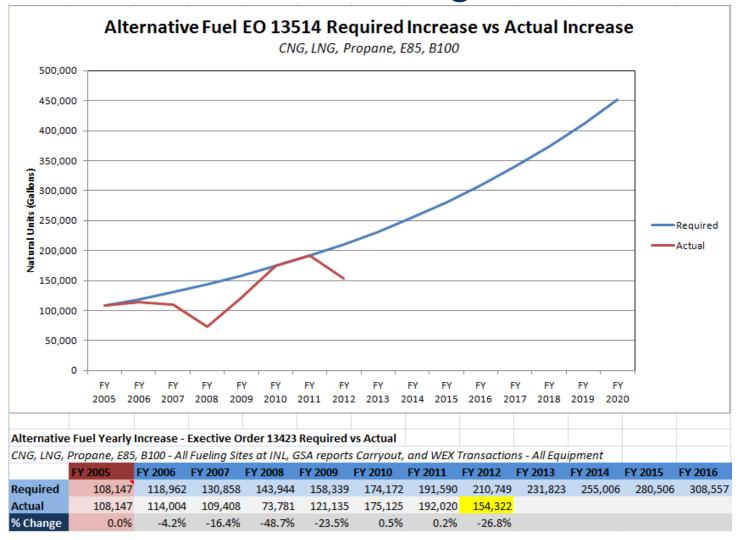


# Continuing efforts for fossil fuel reduction

- New, more efficient buses.
  - 2 mpg better per bus.
  - Idle time reduced to 10 minutes via auto-shutoff.
- Bus simulator research with drivers.
- Usage of B20 year round.
- Research into new technologies for mixed fuel (CNG + B20 results in a 30% reduction of fossil fuel usage)
- KeyValet Automated Motor Pool:
  - Better information to help us right-size light fleet while maintaining customer needs.



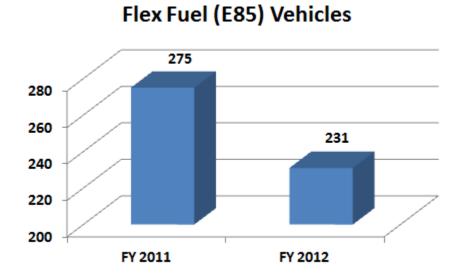
### State of Alternative Fuel Usage

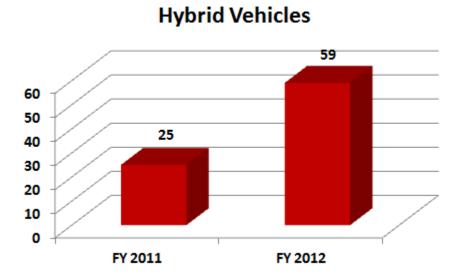




### Reason for decline in Alternative Fuel

- Dramatic decrease in flex fuel vehicles in 2012.
- Increase in fossil fuel burning hybrids.

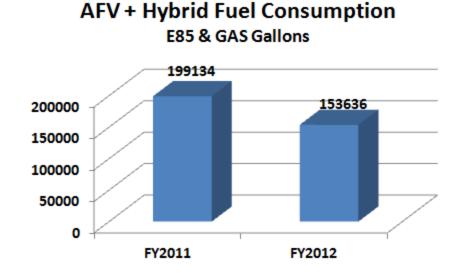


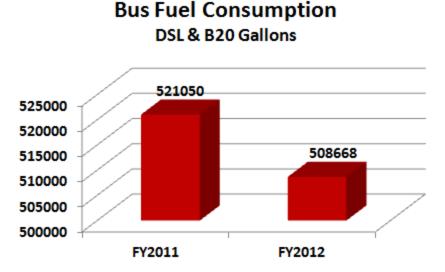




### Reasons for decline in Alternative Fuel cont.

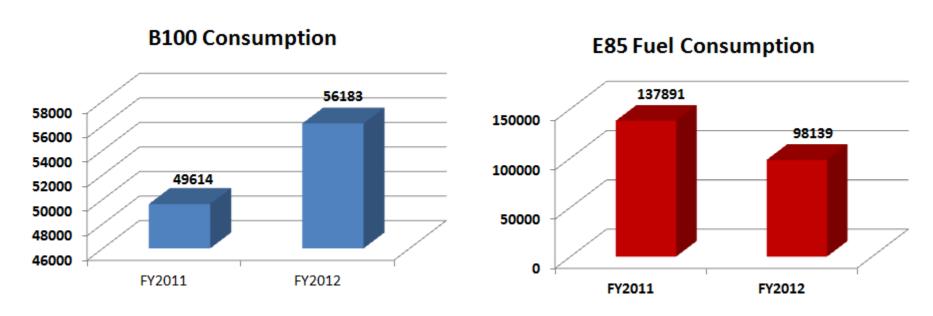
- Decrease in light duty gallons of fuel burned (less vehicles and less utilization).
- Decrease in bus gallons of fuel burned (same as reasons mentioned in fossil fuel reduction).





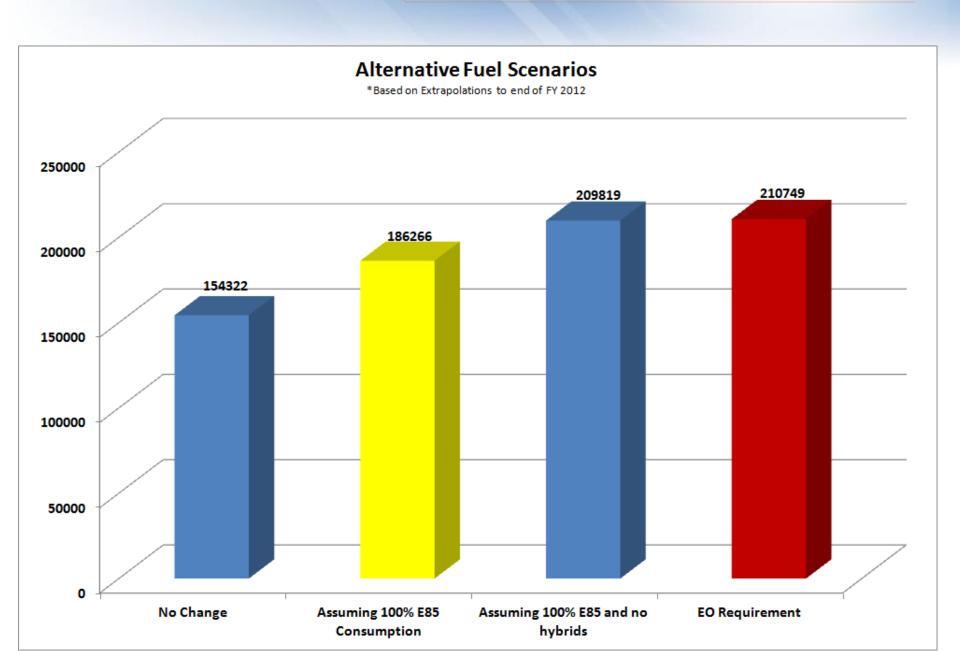


# Total Alternative Fuel Usage Compared to Previous FY



\*FY2012 Numbers Extrapolated







# Improvements in Alternative Fuel Usage

- Usage of B20 year round. This has helped increase bus biodiesel usage with respect to total bus fueling. (56183 gallons of B100 in FY2012 compared to 49614 gallons in FY2011)
- Sending opportunity reports to managers to help them communicate importance of E85 usage to staff.
- Turning off unleaded dispensers for Flex Fuel vehicles.
- Acquisition of 8-10 AFV's to replace fossil fuel burning vehicles in June.
- Swapping highly utilized fossil fuel vehicles with Flex fuel vehicles.
- Research into new technologies for mixed fuel (CNG + B20 results in a increase of alternative fuel – and at a higher ratio than Biodiesel alone).



# Positive impact to the Department of Energy

- Commitment to Meeting Executive Order 13514
  - Fossil fuel reduction
  - Alternative fuel consumption
  - Green house gas emissions reduction
- Commitment to Sustainability
  - Greening the Idaho National Lab
  - Preserving energy resources for future generations
- Commitment to be good stewards of tax payer dollars